

House Resolution No. 525

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have risen to the top echelon of their chosen fields of endeavor; and

Whereas, born in Dundee, Mississippi, on March 1, 1932, Oliver Sain had the astute presence of mind to move to St. Louis, Missouri, in the 1950s to pursue a career in music as a featured artist at Bobbin Records with the likes of Little Milton and Fontella Bass; and

Whereas, in 1965 Oliver Sain scored a hit with his Don't Mess Up a Good Thing composition, which was performed on Checker Records by Fontella Bass and Bobby McClure, and was well on his way to penning and producing such later successes as Soul of the Man, Walk Away, Soul Serenade, Feel Like Dancing, I Love the Man, and others; and

Whereas, the 1970s disco tune, Bus Stop, launched Oliver Sain on his first European tour, led to his Saint Louis All Stars Revue playing numerous invitational gigs in Europe and Scandinavia, and resulted in his status as a featured performer at the 1988 Chicago Blues Festival where he thrilled a crowd of 250,000 and was broadcast live on National Public Radio; and

Whereas, down through the years Oliver Sain has performed with the Sonny "Boy" Williamson, Little "Junior" Parker, "Howlin" Wolf, "Cool Breeze", and Elmore James bands, and has been featured on such television programs as "Route 66", a Japanese documentary, "Saint Louis Soul", a local PBS documentary, "The Today Show", and "Good Morning America"; and

Whereas, now that his Fiftieth Anniversary as a musician is history and his Seventy-first Birthday is nigh, Oliver Sain will celebrate the splendid occasion with a festive get-together on February 28, 2003:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar, seventy-one years enjoyed by Oliver Sain on this earth and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his considerable personal and musical accomplishments and our best wishes for a tremendous birthday celebration attended by a wealth of friends, family members, colleagues, and other admirers; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Seventy-first Birthday of noted musician Oliver Sain of St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Betty L. Thompson
District No. 72

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 525, adopted February 26, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker